

## Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

### Minutes- **DRAFT**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – August 2 2013

**Attendance and Determination of Quorum:** Quorum met

#### **Members:**

**Present:** Lynn DelaMer, Debe Fults, Marguerite Roche, Nancy Sorrentino and Rachel Wright

**Absent:** all present

**Regional Advocate:** Kevin Paluszak

**Guest:** none

#### **Affiliates:**

**Present:** Dominion Day Services, Family Counseling Center for Recovery, Family Preservation Services, Family Solutions, Heritage House of Virginia, Intercept, Lutheran Family Services, National Counseling Group, Orlando's Place, PEOPLE LLC, Restorative Youth Services, Wall Residence Inc.

**Absent:** Global Behavior Therapy Associates, Ray of Hope Living,

**Starting of the Meeting / Review of Agenda:** Chair Nancy Sorrentino called the meeting to order at 9:35am; sign-in sheet distributed; agenda reviewed with no adjustments.

**Reading/Approval of old Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Debe Fults, seconded by Marguerite Roche; motion carried to approve minutes from April 26, 2013 meeting.

**Public Comment:** none

**Affiliate Reports:** **Christine Heit announced that reports from all affiliates were received.** Each affiliate representative present gave a brief overview of the quarter's activity.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Wall Residences**

- Renewing license for sponsored residential service (both children and adults)
- Requesting to add respite care as a service to license in all service areas
- Justification/permission to use a medically-required restraint (bed rails) – will be addressed in closed session
- Requesting affiliation of two new sponsored residence providers: Juli & Darrell Ellis; Wanda Sumter

**Report of the Regional Advocate:** Kevin Paluszak provided an update on the Human Rights reporting system- CHRIS – with goal of reducing redundancy and providing an enhanced reporting

method for licensed program. He also provided an update on state agency collaboration and proactive approach that will result in Human Rights emphasis on training and technical support to assist providers rather than compliance. Kevin reported that Human Rights regulations are currently being reviewed via a panel of state representatives and Old Dominion University that also includes clients who have filed a complaint. The goal is to reduce complaint resolution time so clients receive action promptly. Kevin provided an overview of restrictive behavior plans with focus on universal interpretation and clear guidelines for LHRC review.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Report of Committee Members:** Debe Fults asked about the progress of START and referrals process. Lynn DeLaMer announced WRAP class to begin August 14<sup>th</sup> and gave progress report on the development of the first peer-run center in our area.

**Reports from FALHRC Affiliates:**

Dominion Day Services:	Present; report received
Family Counseling Ctr for Recovery	Present; report received
Family Preservation Services:	Present; report received
Family Solutions:	Present; report received
Global Behavior Therapy Associates	Absent; report received
Heritage House:	Present; report received
Intercept	Present; report received
Lutheran Family Services	Present; report received.
National Counseling Group	Present; report received
Orlando's Place	Present; currently not serving clients in the Fredericksburg area
PEOPLE	Present; report received
Ray of Hope	Absent; report received
Restorative Youth Services	Present ; PARTIAL report received (used old form)
Wall Residence Inc.	Present; report received

**Next Meeting** – October 25, 2013

**Adjournment of Open Session:** 10:35am

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Lynn DeLaMer, seconded by Rachel Wright, and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of reviewing the care provided to clients of National Counseling Group, Heritage House, Wall Residences, and Restorative Youth Services. Upon reconvening the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting

requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.